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[NRC IRP BDCP EA.pdf](#)
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Hi Stephanie,

Yesterday, the Delta Science Program (part of the Delta Stewardship Council) released an independent review of: 1) the Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework of what is known as the "Effects Analysis" (evaluation of proposed project on T & E species) and 2) the Entrainment Appendix to the Effects Analysis. The Delta Stewardship Council is a separate entity from DWR and the project applicants for the Delta Conveyance Project. A quick read of the executive summary is helpful. See the paragraph below announcing it's availability.

Delta Science Program
Delta Stewardship Council

Review Panel Report Released on Draft BDCP Effects Analysis Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework and Entrainment Appendix

An independent panel of science experts released its report on the first phase of its review of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Effects Analysis Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework and Entrainment Appendix.

The Delta Science Program sponsored an independent science review of the BDCP Effects Analysis on Oct. 25-26. The goal of the first phase of this independent peer review was to provide the BDCP participants with an early assessment of the scientific quality of the Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework and the Entrainment Appendix to inform the further development of the Effects Analysis.

For more information, click [here](#).

Seeing this also reminded me of another independent review that is relevant to your work. Senator Feinstein requested the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council provide an independent review of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. You can see a description [here](http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/projectview.aspx?key=49289) <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/projectview.aspx?key=49289>. Earlier this year, the NRC review panel released a critical review, attached, of the Effects Analysis. DWR, consultants, and applicants have been working on updating and improving the Effects Analysis and we have been receiving and reviewing administrative drafts of technical appendices over the last few months. We have not seen the Effects Analysis since this re-write process began. Bruce is the only one on our team who reviewed the Effects Analysis that NRC reviewed.

NRC is also working on a study called "Sustainable Water and Environmental Management in the California-Bay Delta" that is planned for release sometime this month. Karen or Tom, do you know if that date has changed? Is this where the NRC other stressors work will be addressed? Sorry, I get confused on that one.

I know you have tons to read but thought you should probably know about these reports. For now, a quick read of the Executive Summary is great if you have the time.

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